

WISCONSIN STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM UPDATES

New:

Student Roster Data Pulls

Statewide student assessment rosters for ACT with Writing, Forward, and Aspire will be pulled soon. To ensure the completeness and accuracy of rosters, please verify your student enrollment data are up-to-date by January 18, and make sure data are being transferred from your school student information system to WISEdata.

ACT with writing

Reminders:

Deadline to Enter ACT Accommodations and English Learner Supports: January 15

For steps on completing this process, please refer to the [ACT Accommodations and Supports webpage](#).

Student Roster Upload: January 19

- On Tuesday, January 19, DPI will load 11th grade choice students as well as 11th grade non-choice students from schools that have opted to receive the “all school report card.”
- Assessment coordinators will receive an email in the afternoon of January 14 with instructions on how to upload any additional students (choice or non-choice) who were not included in the initial DPI upload. School staff will be able to upload these additional students into PAnext from January 20-22.
- School staff will have from January 20-22 to verify that student information is correct.
 - Please see the **Verifying Student Roster and Testing Format Guide** located on the [DPI ACT Resources webpage](#) for instructions.
- Barcode labels will be shipped only for students who are in PAnext at the end of the day on January 22. After January 22, schools can add new students, but they will not receive barcodes and schools will need to follow the instructions in the test administration manuals on how to prepare an answer document without a barcode.

Aspire

New:

Extended 2021 Aspire Testing Window

To provide schools more time to safely test their students, DPI has worked with ACT to extend the 2021 Aspire testing window by two weeks (April 5-May 19). Please visit the [DPI ACT Aspire Calendar webpage](#) to download and review the revised **2021 ACT Aspire Schedule of Events**.

2021 Aspire Administration:

The Aspire PAnext portal will open for the 2021 assessment on January 25. All 2021 Aspire Administration manuals and supplements have been posted and are available to download under the Administration section of the [Wisconsin ACT Website](#).

To Do:

- Bookmark the [ACT Aspire PearsonAccess^{next}](#) webpage for easy access in the future. It will be helpful to name it “ACT Aspire Login” to keep the platform separate from the ACT with writing login.
- Review the [PearsonAccessNext System Overview](#) to understand its basic functionality (*Note: Wisconsin has specific customization that differs from the slideshow, including: home page, test dates, and User Role Matrix*).
- New Testing Staff: On January 25, look for an email from PearsonAccess^{next} (NoReplyAspire@act.org) with a subject line of **ACT Aspire Account Access: New Account**. This email may be in your spam or junk folders, if not in your inbox. Follow the instructions in the email to finish setting up your account. This will be an invite into the Production site.
- On January 25, new users will also receive an invitation into the Aspire *training* site, <https://training.aspire.act.org>, featuring a brown banner. The *training* site can be used to run a mock administration or test your technical infrastructure.
- Bookmark the [Wisconsin ACT Website](#) to refer to the many resources it offers.
- Review the updated [2021 ACT Aspire Schedule of Events](#). It lists activities to complete, who completes the activity, and important deadlines.
- Review the [User Role Matrix](#), specific for Wisconsin schools, before inviting new users to determine who receives which role. Then you can invite new users following procedures on page 42 of the [Aspire Tests Coordinator Manual](#).
- [Register](#) for Aspire training webinars.

Reminder:

ACT Aspire for Non-Choice Students

Schools that elect to test their non-choice students with ACT Aspire will need to contact ACT directly to order tests for these students. Ordering information can be found at: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/act-aspire.html#get-aspire>. Schools will not need to order tests for their choice students as DPI automatically loads the choice students into the testing portal.

Forward Exam

New:

Test Administration Script Spanish Translation

The Forward Exam Test Administration Script is now available in Spanish and available on the [Forward Exam Resources webpage](#). This resource can be used to administer the Forward Exam in conjunction with the Spanish stacked translation and small group translation supports.

Reminders:

Forward Exam for Non-Choice Students

CESA 6 will again be overseeing the process for schools that wish to test their non-choice students. Ordering information can be found at: <https://www.cesa6.org/services/wi-forward-exam/order-form.cfm>.

Forward Exam Q&A Webinar Recording

The January 13 Q&A webinar recording will be available on the [Forward Exam Trainings webpage](#) January 21.

See the [Forward Exam webpage](#) for calendar dates, information, and resources.

Assessment and Accountability COVID-19 Related Updates

Reminder:

COVID-19 Information

OEA has created two webpages to keep you updated and informed. Please bookmark these pages and the [main DPI COVID-19 page](#), which contains COVID-19 information for schools beyond assessment and accountability.

- [COVID-19 – Accountability Updates and Resources](#) webpage with summary information on the impact of COVID-19 on school accountability in Wisconsin.

[COVID-19 – Assessment Updates and Resources](#) webpage which contains assessment related COVID-19 resources, 2019-20 COVID updates, and any 2020-21 updates that may arise.

ACCOUNTABILITY UPDATES

Preview Reports – Secure Release Update

As announced in an [email from Deputy State Superintendent Mike Thompson to schools and districts](#), accountability preview reports are now available in [SAFE](#), the Secure Access File Exchange. The [OEA accountability resources page](#) is also updated with new resources to help you understand and explain the preview reports.

Inquiry Period

This secure release opens the report card inquiry period, a window for schools and districts to work with OEA to address suspected data submission errors. When there is sufficient evidence of a data error, OEA will manually correct the data and update the preview reports. **If you believe an inquiry may be appropriate, please [open an Inquiry](#) with our office before the end of the day on Friday, January 22.**

Note that the purpose of the inquiry process is for notifying OEA of suspected data submission errors – **not for sending general feedback on the redesign** found in the preview reports. For comments about the redesign, OEA plans to release a survey to our website in the coming weeks and we will send an update through the DAC Digest when it is posted.

If you have questions about the preview reports please contact the [Office of Educational Accountability](#) or your [Accountability Trainer](#). If you have questions about accessing SAFE, please use the [DPI help desk](#).



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